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SUBJECT: OCT 1 MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN INFORMAL MINUTE OF THE OCT 1 MEETING OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE, PREPARED BY THE US PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL AND REVIEWED BY THE SPANISH PERMANENT SECRETARY. THIS IS AN INFORMAL MINUTE PREPARED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL. PRESUMABLY THE STAFFS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH JUNTA OF CHIEFS OF STAFF WILL PREPARE THEIR OWN RECORDS OF THIS MEETING.

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INFORMAL MINUTE

MEETING OF THE JOIN MILITARY COMMITTEE

3:30 P.M., OCTOBER 1, 1976 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE MET FOR THE FIRST TIME ON OCTOBER 1, 1976, AT THE PENTAGON IN WASHINGTON.

GENERAL BROWN WELCOMED THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE INAUGURAL MEETING AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS MEETING FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE AND ITS PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. HE UNDERSTOOD THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GENERAL FERNANDEZ VALLESPIN.

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GENERAL BROWN UNDERLINED BOTH THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSER

BILATERAL COORDINATION OF EFFORT TO ASSURE OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TOWARD CLOSER COORDINATION OF THIS BILATERAL EFFORT WITH THE EFFORTS OF NATO. A COORDINATED WESTERN DEFENSE EFFORT WAS ESSENTIAL.

HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE CREATION OF THE COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF, WHICH HAD A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION. IT WOULD BUILD ON EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS. HE UNDERSTOOD GOOD PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN CONSIDERING THE U.S. DRAFT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THIS STAFF. HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT AN IMPROVED INFORMATION EXCHANGE EFFORT WAS ALREADY UNDER WAY INVOLVING INITIATIVES OF THE U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND (EUCOM) AND JUSMG/SPAIN.

GENERAL BROWN ALSO POINTED TO EXISTING AREAS OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE, JOINT EXERCISES, AND JOINT TRAINING.

HE STATED THAT THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW TREATY HAVING TO DO WITH MATERIAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE BY THE UNITED STATES TO SPAIN WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HE REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD COMMUNICATIONS AT THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF OUR MUTUAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP.

GENERAL FERNANDEZ VALLESPIN RESPONDED THAT THE JOINT MILITARY MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS TO BE CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT STEP IN SPANISH-US MILITARY RELATIONS. IT COULD BE USEFUL INSTRUMENT IN FACILITATING THE CARRYING OUT OF PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY. THE COMBINED STAFF, WHICH WOULD BE FUNCTIONING UNDER THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE, WOULD ALSO BE A VEHICLE SUITABLE TO THIS RELATIONSHIP.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT CERTAIN INITIAL PROBLEMS WERE BEING ENCOUNTERED BECAUSE OF THE NEWNESS OF SOME ASPECTS OF THIS RELATIONSHIP.

THERE WAS A PROBLEM OF FINDING SUITABLE OFFICE SPACE FOR THE COMBINED STAFF AND OTHER ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL. HE REFERRED TO PROBLEMS OF SIZE, ADEQUATE SECURITY AND PRICE, NOTING THAT RENTAL OF ADEQUATE SPACE WOULD COST \$12 TO 15,000 A MONTH AND A PURCHASE PRICE WOULD AMOUNT TO \$1.5 TO \$2 MILLION. FURNISHING AND CONDITIONING OF THE SPACE WOULD ADD TO THESE FIGURES. HE EXPECTED THERE WOULD BE A SOLUTION TO THIS FINANCIAL PROBLEM BUT THAT IT WOULD CAUSE SOME INITIAL DELAY IN CREATION OF THE STAFF.

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A SECOND ISSUE WAS THAT OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMBINED STAFF. THE U.S. DRAFT WAS NOW UNDER STUDY BY THE SEVERAL SPANISH SERVICES. THE OBJECTIVE THEN WAS TO CARRY OUT WITH U.S. OFFICIALS A JOINT DEEP STUDY WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A FINAL POSITION ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND THE SPANISH JUNTA OF CHIEFS OF STAFF IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AND THEN TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. HE NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR STABLER HAD OFFERED THE VISIT TO

MADRID OF TEAMS OF SPECIALISTS FROM EUCOM TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND HE ACCEPTED THIS IN PRINCIPLE.

A THIRD AREA WAS THAT OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS A FUNCTION OF THE COMBINED STAFF AND WHICH HE ASSUMED WOULD BE USEFUL.

A FOURTH AREA WAS THAT OF JOINT EXERCISES. THESE WERE ALREADY BEING CARRIED OUT TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT, ESPECIALLY AT SEA AND IN THE FIELD OF AIR DEFENSE. A PRINCIPLE TASK OF THE COMBINED STAFF WOULD BE TO PLAN EXERCISES.

A FIFTH AREA WAS THAT OF ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE, WHICH GENERAL GERNANDEZ VALLESPIN SAID WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERED IN THE COMBINED STAFF. HE EXPECTED INCREASED ACTIVITY IN THIS FIELD IN THE FUTURE.

A SIXTH AND FINAL AREA WAS THAT OF TRAINING, WHICH HE SAID SHOULD BE TAILORED TO THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPANISH ARMED FORCES.

IN SUM, HE SAID HE ENVISAGED WIDE AREAS OF COOPERATION, BUT IT WAS STILL A BIT TOO SOON TO DEFINE CONCRETE STEPS. HE THOUGHT THE COMBINED STAFF ITSELF WOULD OPEN NEW AVENUES OF COOPERATION.

GENERAL BROWN COMMENTED THAT THE EUCOM TEAM WOULD BE READY TO COME TO MADRID TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE WHENEVER GENERAL FERNANDEZ VALLESPIN DESIRED IT TO VISIT. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMBINED STAFF, WHICH HE REGARDED AS A SYMBOL OF THE PROVISION IN THE TREATY FOR A NEW DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP.

GENERAL FERNANDEZ VALLESPIN SAID HE SOUGHT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING PROBLEM AREAS QUICKLY AND HE WAS CONSCIOUS OF THE VALUE OF THE NEW TREATY.

HE ADDED, WITH RESPECT TO JOINT EXERCISES, THAT THESE IN THE PAST HAD MAINLY INVOLVED THE NAVIES AND AIR FORCES, AND THAT HE BELIEVED JOINT EXERCISING OF UNITS OF THE TWO ARMIES COULD BE EXPANDED. HE SAID, IN TOTAL FRANKNESS, THE SPANISH ARMY WAS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SERVICE MOST IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT IN TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL MATTERS. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE COMBINED STAFF WOULD SOON BE A COMPLETE REALITY. HE WAS CONFIDENT AS WELL THAT IT WOULD WORK PRODUCTIVELY UNDER ITS TWO CO-DIRECTORS.

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3. A SEPARATE MINUTE HAS BEEN PREPARED IN SPANISH BY THE SPANISH PERMANENT SECRETARY AND WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE U.S. PERMANENT SECRETARY. THIS WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/WE.

(COMMENT: THIS PROCEDURE OF USING SEPARATE MINUTES REVIEWED
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